

## **VAL VERDE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RULES**

The following rules, adopted by the Val Verde County Commissioners Court, shall govern the conduct of lessees of any portion of the Val Verde County Fairgrounds, including but not limited to horse stalls, track rooms, rodeo arena, practice roping arena and the pavilion. Rules shall be enforced by the Fairgrounds Manager and Supervisor. Violation of any of the rules by lessees, lessee's invitees or guests may result in the immediate eviction of the lessee. An appeal may be made of the decision, provided is the appeals process followed as outlined in paragraph number fifteen (15) below.

- Stalls, the rodeo arena, the practice arena, the track parking lot, office space and the pavilion
  area are available for lease to the general public. A fee shall be charged for the lease of any of
  the above-described facilities. A fee schedule for the lease of each facility will be available at the
  Fairgrounds office. Application for the fee waiver shall be submitted for approval by the Val
  Verde County Commissioners Court at the next available meeting. No fee waiver shall be made
  without the vote of the Val Verde County Commissioners Court.
- 2. No breeding of any kind will be tolerated at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds at any time. There are no exceptions. Violation of this rule is grounds for immediate eviction.
- 3. No horses shall be left on Val Verde County Fairgrounds for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours unless a lease contract has a been executed. This term does not apply when horses or rodeo livestock are participating in on-going functions.
- 4. Riding on the track shall be counter-clockwise with the fast traffic to the inside and slow traffic to the outside. All individuals will ride at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds at their own risk. It is the sole responsibility of each rider to determine if a tractor, water truck or other vehicular traffic is on the racetrack.
- 5. No horses shall be led on foot on the track except when crossing the track, or if a horse falls or becomes injured.
- 6. Dogs will be permitted on the Val Verde County Fairgrounds only on a leash, but never on the track. This rule does not apply to those animals that are performing in rodeo specialty acts while they are in the arena.

- 7. Only County vehicles performing maintenance work or vehicles crossing the backside of the track to gain access to the back side of the rodeo arena will be permitted on the track surface at any time. It is the responsibility of all persons riding horses on the track to be on the lookout of traffic crossing the track of performing work on the track or when a scheduled event is taking place in the arena.
- 8. No horses or any other livestock will be permitted to be housed, stalled or exercised in the rodeo livestock pens, arena or roping arena during the period beginning three (03) before the first performance of a scheduled event, the days of the event and ending one (01) day after the scheduled event.
- 9. All horses shall be haltered and under control at all times. No horses or cattle shall be permitted to roam at large the Val Verde County Fairgrounds. No horses shall be stalled at the cattle pens next to the arenas at any time.
- 10. The speed for the Val Verde County Fairgrounds is fifteen miles (15) per hour. No motorcycles are permitted outside parking areas.
- 11. Restroom facilities are to be kept clean at all times. If anyone is found using a stall inappropriately, the Val Verde County Sheriff's Department will be notified and the person will be permanently barred from the Val Verde County Fairgrounds.
- 12. Alcohol beverages shall not be permitted at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds except during scheduled events. Alcohol may be sold by legally licensed vendors. In order to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage, the individual must be 21 years of age or older. No glass containers of any kind will be allowed. All state and local laws will be enforced. Violators are subject to criminal prosecution and may be permanently barred from the Fairgrounds.
- 13. No permanent or temporary alteration of any kind or nature can be made to any portion of the Val Verde Fairgrounds by any user without written permission form the Fairgrounds Manager. This includes, but is not limited to, electrical fences, any welding on any portion of County property, erection of any barricaded whether permanent or temporary, or the installation of floors in stalls.
- 14. No obstacle, including vehicles shall block a designated fire lane at any time.
- 15. The Fairgrounds Manager and Supervisor shall be responsible for enforcing all Fairgrounds Rules. A written reprimand for any rule violation shall be issued to the violator and will describe the corrective action, the violator must take immediate action to be in compliance with these rules. Failure to comply with any written rule violation within the written period prescribed will result in a notice of eviction. Any grievance against or appeal from the Fairgrounds Manager's and /or Supervisor's written reprimand shall be made in writing and delivered to the County Judge within ten (10) business days of receipt of the written reprimand. Commissioners Court

- will enter a ruling within forty (40) days of the date the written appeal is received. The appeal shall be addressed to the Val Verde County Judge, 400 Pecan Street, Del Rio, Texas 78840.
- 16. The Val Verde County Sheriff's Office is charged with the responsibility of the supervising and maintaining law and order at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds in order to protect the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the public. The Val Verde County Sheriff's shall determine what is necessary security for public, special and/or private events. Outside agencies may be contracted for security purposes at the sheriff's discretion and only upon prior written approval of the Val Verde County Sheriff.
- 17. The Val Verde County Fairgrounds shall be open to the public from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. No overnight camping shall be allowed without written permission granted by the Val Verde County Commissioners Court. All "Special Events" shall conclude no later than 1:00 a.m.
- 18. It shall be unlawful to park in an any area that has been designated a "no parking "area.
- 19. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct and/or ignite a campfire to ignite any product intended as fireworks at the Val Verde County Fairgrounds. Persons may only start campfires in any designated receptacle such as a built-in barbeque pit or other receptacle designed for such purpose.
- 20. Any violation of these rules may lead to criminal prosecution. Each violation shall constitute a Class "C" misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00. Each day that a provision of this order is violated, shall constitute a separate offense. Violations are subject to permanent barring from the Fairgrounds.

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